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LETTER DATED 12 JUNE 1991 FROM THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES A.I.
OF THE PERMANENT MISSION OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS
ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to refer to the letter from the Permanent Representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran, circulated in document S/22690, and to inform you that the allegations contained in that letter are entirely without foundation.

Iran's allegations are in fact a reiteration of the discredited position which it has adopted and pursued since it came to power in 1979. This position is based on its presenting itself as the guardian of the people of Iraq and on interference in Iraq's internal affairs without the least right and in the absence of either legal or moral justification.

This approach on the part of the Iranian regime incontrovertibly reveals Iran's regional expansionist ambitions in Iraq. Furthermore, the Iranian appeal for humanitarian assistance contained in the letter is no more than a transparent cloak which fails to conceal the invalidity and falsehood of its assertions: these in reality represent a deliberate policy of undermining the security and territorial integrity of Iraq. As is well known, it was this deliberate policy which led to the launching of the war of aggression against Iraq on 4 September 1980, a war which lasted for eight years, claimed thousands of victims among the nationals of both countries and caused immense material damage. It is the same policy which the Iranian Government pursued by sending groups of terrorists who infiltrated into Iraqi cities in the governorates of Basra, Maysan, Diyala, Wasit, Dhi Qar and Sulaymaniyah and carried out acts of destruction, murder and rape against Iraqi nationals. This policy has been revealed for all to see, and we have firm evidence to prove it. We also have a number of persons who were captured: they offer the best evidence of Iran's intervention in our internal affairs and persistent ambitions, in particular through the so-called export of the revolution and other policies which have been exposed and no longer deceive anyone.

The Government of my country both warns against intervention in its internal affairs and affirms that the security and safety of all sectors and

categories of its population are the duty and responsibility of the Iraqi authorities concerned. Southern Iraq has been secure and stable ever since an end was put to the sedition, sabotage, looting, destruction and rape which occurred there as a result of criminal acts perpetrated by Iranian infiltrators and those of their supporters who infiltrated with them, with the assistance and blessing of the Iranian Government.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Samir K. K. AL-NIMA
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